

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD HELD NOVEMBER 11, 2003, AT THE ALVIN YORK BANDY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: ROBERT BELMAN, THOMAS VILLACRES, ROBERT HUNT, BARBARA COLE, KAREN ZINK, PATRICIA HEALY, VICE-CHAIRMAN, AND EDWARD SULLIVAN, CHAIRMAN, JEAN S. MURRAY, SUPERINTENDENT, AND GLORIA ANZALONE SHELTON, CLERK OF THE BOARD.**

Mr. Sullivan called the meeting to order.

**6:30 p.m.**

**Closed Session**

**Motion: Ms. Healy**

**Second: Ms. Cole**

**Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (a) of the Code of Virginia, I move that the Board convene a closed meeting for the purpose of discussing the following specific matter(s) in agenda items 6B and 6C:**

**To discuss personnel matters, as authorized by Section 2.2-3711 (a) (1) of the Code of Virginia, and to discuss possible land acquisition, as authorized by Section 2.2-3711 (a) (3) of the Code of Virginia.**

**Voting in favor of the motion were Mr. Belman, Mr. Villacres, Mr. Hunt, Ms. Cole, Ms. Healy, and Mr. Sullivan. Motion carried unanimously.**

**(Ms. Zink arrived).**

**8:00 p.m.**

**The School Board reconvened into open session. Mr. Sullivan led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an invocation.**

#### **Certification of Closed Meeting**

**Whereas, the Stafford County School Board has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and**

**Whereas, Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires certification by this School Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;**

**Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Stafford County School Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered.**

**Motion: Mr. Villacres**

**Second: Mr. Hunt**

**VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. BELMAN, MR. VILLACRES, MR. HUNT, MS. COLE, MS. ZINK, MS. HEALY, AND MR. SULLIVAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **Approval of Agenda**

Item 7A, Superintendent's Annual Report, was removed from the agenda. This item will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

**MOTION MADE BY MS. HEALY AND SECONDED BY MS. ZINK THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS REVISED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. BELMAN, MR. VILLACRES, MR. HUNT, MS. COLE, MS. ZINK, MS. HEALY, AND MR. SULLIVAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **Public Budget Hearing**

The following individuals addressed the School Board concerning the FY2005 School Operating Budget: Lenny Cascio, Martha Soles, Annette Hall, Tisha Henderson, Robin DiPepe, Tom Clark, Todd Welker, Sara Roski, Rachel Siglar, Greg Feducia, Karen Clore, Marcy Lloyd, Carla Zema, Jill Gossert, Rene Webster, Mia Joshi, and Patty Joshi.

### **Citizens Comments**

The following individuals addressed the School Board on the naming of the new elementary school: Adrienne Solis, Pam Richert, Steve Gambaro, Barbara Kirby, Jane Conner, Nancy Zolner, George Sperry, Al Conner, and Amy McCullough. Raymond Chancellor spoke on overcrowding.

### **REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD** **Student Matters - Discipline Committee**

Earlier this evening, a committee of the Board met to consider student disciplinary matters. In action taken, the committee voted unanimously to:

- \* Expel Student A from Stafford County Public Schools and authorize him to attend the Regional Alternative Education Program;
- \* Uphold the ten-day suspension of Student B and place him on strict probation;
- \* Upheld the suspension of Student C from Stafford County Public Schools for the remainder of the 2003-04 school year and authorize her to attend the Regional Alternative Education Program.

### **Personnel Matters**

**MOTION MADE BY MS. HEALY AND SECONDED BY MR. BELMAN THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD GRANT AN EXCEPTION TO OUR SICK LEAVE POLICY TO**

**ALLOW EMPLOYEE A TO DONATE 20 DAYS OF SICK LEAVE TO EMPLOYEE B TO BE USED IN PLACE OF THE WAITING PERIOD FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR SICK LEAVE FROM THE SICK LEAVE BANK. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. BELMAN, MR. HUNT, MS. COLE, MS. ZINK, MS. HEALY, AND MR. SULLIVAN; MR. VILLACRES OPPOSED THE MOTION. BY A VOTE OF 6-1, MOTION PASSED.**

### **January Retreat Dates**

It was the consensus of the Board that the winter retreat be held January 23-24, 2004.

### **Committee Reports** (None)

### **Comments**

Mr. Villacres stated that he and Dr. Murray participated in a discussion with senior citizens to foster better communication and understanding of the school division. Ms. Cole thanked the citizens for addressing the School Board on the proposed FY2005 school operating budget and naming of the elementary school 2005. Ms. Zink congratulated Cathy Walker, Principal, of Hartwood Elementary School, for being a recipient of the *Washington Post* Educational Leadership Award. Ms. Healy thanked Delegate Mark Cole for his recent visit to several schools. Mr. Sullivan announced he would be participating in a U.S. Department of Education Panel Discussion on student-to-work programs.

### **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

#### **Comments**

Dr. Murray commended staff at Wright Middle School for their Veteran's Day program. She announced that 23 of 24 schools had achieved full accreditation and all but eight had met AYP. Dr. Murray stated that canine narcotics searches were conducted at all high schools resulting in only two alerts by the dogs.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda items were as follows:

- A. Minutes of the October 28, 2003 Meeting
- B. Personnel – Resignations and Appointments
- C. Payment of Bills
- D. Overnight Field Trip Requests
- E. Renewal of Contract: Professional Consulting Services

**MOTION MADE BY MR. VILLACRES AND SECONDED BY MS. COLE THAT THE CONSENT AGENDA BE APPROVED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. BELMAN, MR. VILLACRES, MR. HUNT, MS. COLE, MS. ZINK, MS. HEALY, AND MR. SULLIVAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Dr. Murray announced the following administrative appointments:

- \* Dorothy Truslow, Principal, New Elementary School 2004
- \* William Boatwright, Principal, Wright Middle School
- \* Jim O'Shaughnessy, Executive Director, Planning & Construction

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Leeland Station – Notice to Proceed Elementary School 2005**

**MOTION MADE BY MR. BELMAN AND SECONDED BY MS. COLE THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO NEGOTIATE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2005 AND THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN SUCH CONTRACTS ONCE AN ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENT IS DEVELOPED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. BELMAN, MR. VILLACRES, MR. HUNT, MS. COLE, MS. ZINK, MS. HEALY, AND MR. SULLIVAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **Naming Elementary School 2004**

**MOTION MADE BY MS. HEALY AND SECONDED BY MS. COLE THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD NAME THE NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2004 ON MOUNTAIN VIEW ROAD THE MARGARET BRENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. VILLACRES, MR. HUNT, MS. COLE, MS. HEALY, AND MR. SULLIVAN; VOTING IN OPPOSITION WERE MR. BELMAN AND MS. ZINK. BY A VOTE OF 5-2, MOTION CARRIED.**

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **Strong Students, Safe Schools – S4**

The School Board reviewed information concerning Strong Students, Safe Schools – S4. No action was requested.

#### **School Board Meeting Times/Dates**

The School Board reviewed possible changes to future School Board meeting times and dates. This topic will be placed on the agenda for the winter retreat.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.